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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: AFCIN

27 OCT 1959

SUBJECT: Responsibility for Project KANGA ROO

TO: Director
Central Intelligence Agency
2430 "E" Street, N.W.
Washington 25, D. C.

1. One of the major USAF intelligence requirements, as expressed by the Air Staff in its Development Planning Objectives for Intelligence and Reconnaissance, is for a capability to conduct medium and high altitude (up to 200,000 feet) photographic reconnaissance on a discreet basis. This calls for design and procurement of both a follow-on aircraft and new photographic equipment.
2. For some time, ATIC under my direction has been sponsoring a Technical Objectives Aerial Reconnaissance Plan, known as Project KANGA ROO, designed to supply the photographic capability needed to meet this requirement. Full details of KANGA ROO are discussed and coordinated on a current basis with your specialist in TSS, so there is no duplication or overlap of effort between our agencies in this area and it will be usable in any follow-on aircraft sponsored by you or USAF. The project involves highly specialized technology and a substantial amount of funding.
3. While the Air Force has stated a requirement for the follow-on vehicle, this has not been converted into an approved procurement item. I am of the opinion that this reconnaissance capability is needed and that both vehicle and equipment should be carried through to completion. This can be done by either the Air Force or by CIA, with transfer to you of the work done by the Air Force. If you agree that this capability should exist for U.S. intelligence, an expression of your wishes is desired, either as a statement of your intention to proceed plus request for transfer of the work done by the Air Force or as a requirement that the Air Force proceed with development of a completed capability.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "J. Walsh", is positioned above the typed name and title.

JAMES R. WALSH
MAJOR GENERAL, USAF
ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF,
INTELLIGENCE

USAF review(s) completed.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Dulles

Per General Cabell's request, a copy of
the attached has been sent Eyes Only to Dick
Bissell for necessary action.

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UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE
TO THE UNITED NATIONS

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Two Park Avenue,
New York 16, New York,
September 26, 1957.

Dear Allen:

This is to thank you for the excellent cooperation which you gave us last week during the General Assembly meetings on the Hungarian question. Particularly I would like to commend the work of [] who worked long and hard and made a fine contribution.

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The vote of 60-10 on our resolution was a great success. I am most grateful for the cooperation you gave us.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,



Henry Cabot Lodge

Mr. Allen W. Dulles

for
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C.

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